

**NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

**Advisory Committee Minutes
Clarion Hotel
320 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC**

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Attending:

Commission Members:

Marvin Swartz, MD, Dorothy Rose Crawford, John R. Corne, Judith Ann Dempsey, Sandra C. DuPuy, Thomas E. Gettelman, Ranota Hall, Elizabeth MacMichael, Dorothy O'Neal, John Owen, Don Trobaugh, Mazie Fleetwood, Martha Martinat, Anna Marie Scheyett, PhD.

Excused:

Diana J. Antonacci, MD, Phillip A. Mooring

Division Staff:

Steven E. Hairston, W. Denise Baker, Marta T. Hester, Andrea Borden, Tonya Goode, Amanda Reeder, Angela Harper, Sandy Ellsworth

Others:

Louise G. Fisher, John L. Crawford, Stephanie Alexander, Deby Dihoff, Annaliese Dolph, Michael Bishop, Diane Pomper, Laura A. Yates

Handouts:

- 1) Handout – Powerpoint Presentation on Housing Update
- 2) Handout – Presentation on NC Department of Correction, Division of Prisons, Health Services, Mental Health Services
- 3) Handout – Presentation on Traumatic Brain Injury

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Marvin Swartz, Chairman, Advisory Committee, at approximately 12:59 pm. Dr. Swartz welcomed the members of the Advisory Committee, requested a moment of reflection, and issued the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder. He also excused Phillip A. Mooring for today's meeting.

Upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the October 16, 2008 Advisory Committee Meeting with the following change: On page 18 of the Commission for MH/DD/SAS Rules and Advisory Committee Meetings April 15, 2009 mail-out packet, change Susan DuPuy to Sandra DuPuy in the last bullet.

Dr. Swartz advised the members that there was a brief discussion during the morning Rules Committee meeting about the expenses associated with the Commission meetings and exploring different options related to meeting costs.

Workforce Development Initiative Plan: Next Steps

Dr. Swartz discussed next steps following the Commission's recommendations as outlined within the Workforce Development Initiative. Steven Hairston, Chief, Operations Support Section, NC Division of MH/DD/SAS, suggested that members of the Commission continue to work with the Staff Definitions Workgroup; that workgroup has proposed amendments to the Staff Definitions rule and is reviewing competencies with the mh/dd/sa service delivery system.

NC DMH/DD/SAS Housing Initiatives

Angela Harper, Housing Specialist, Best Practice Team, NC Division of MH/DD/SAS, delivered a power point presentation entitled, *Housing Update*, to the Advisory Committee. The focus of the presentation is outlined as follows:

- The Need for Affordable Housing
- The DMH/DD/SAS 1996 Strategic Housing Plan
- The Supreme Court's Olmstead Decision 1999
- A Report by the Surgeon General 1999
- The Task Force on Housing May 2004 Report
- Affordable Housing and The 2005 State Plan
- Affordable Housing and the 2007-2010 State Strategic Plan
- Housing Initiatives
- Housing Resource Tools

Access to Healthcare: Developmental Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System

Laura Yates, Director, NC Department of Corrections, Division of Prison, Social Work Program, presented a handout and gave a presentation to the Advisory Committee on mental health services within the prison system.

Ms. Yates informed the committee that approximately 6,000 inmates out of 40,000 are currently on the mental health caseload.

Elizabeth MacMichael, Advisory Committee member, advised Ms. Yates that she has a concern that some of the language used to refer to individuals with disabilities is outdated.

Access to Healthcare: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Sandy Ellsworth, Best Practice and Community Innovations Team, Community Policy Management Section, NC Division of MH/DD/SAS, identified issues encountered by individuals with TBI who attempt to access services. She informed the committee that approximately 50% of individuals with substance abuse issues also have traumatic brain injury.

Public Comment

Erin McLaughlin, Mental Health Association North Carolina, recommended that the Committee extend an invitation to someone within the hearing impaired community to discuss relevant issues such as housing.

Martha Brock, Disability Rights NC, discussed a bill currently in the NC General Assembly that updates terminology on disabilities. The bill is called People First, Senate Bill 208/House Bill 353.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 3:14pm